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VALLEY FORGE

BY THE

RT. REV. OZI W. WHITAKER, D. D.

BISHOP OF PENNSYLVANIA

ON THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

EVACUATION OF VALLEY FORGE BY THE AMERICAN ARMY

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THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK

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Processional.

HYMN 491.

The Church's one foundation
  Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
  By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
  To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
  And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
  Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
  One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
  Partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses,
  With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
  Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
  By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
  Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
  Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
  And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
  Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
  Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
  Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
  With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
  With those whose rest is won:
Oh happy ones and holy!
  Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
  On high may dwell with Thee,

¶Entering the Cloister the Bishop shall say:

Except the Lord build the house, their labor is but lost that build it.
Answer. Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

¶Then shall the Bishop begin the Hundredth Psalm, the Clergy and People reading the alternate verses.

PSALM 100. Jubilate Deo.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶The inscription of dedication having been read by the one appointed, there shall be said the Apostles' Creed by all standing:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Bishop. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Bishop. Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Bishop. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of all the world, in whose hand are power and might, which none is able to withstand: We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for the happy issue of thy servants' sufferings here; for their succour and success; for the gift of liberty and nationality; the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our country, and as much as in us lieth, to the good of all mankind. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great goodness, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord God, for that it hath pleased thee to put it into the heart of thy servant to build this monument to thy honour and glory, and to the memory of those thy servants whose hearts were inspired by thee with the spirit of patriotism; and grant that the remembrance of their patient suffering and willing self-sacrifice, their hope and faith in thee, our God, may lead those who enjoy the fruit of their labors and thy blessing to show forth their gratitude by entering thy courts with thanksgiving and praise, and by serving thee faithfully in their generation, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most gracious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging unto us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept the Dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking; lead hither thy servants and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

HYMN, 196.

Our fathers' God! to Thee,
Author of liberty,
  To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
  Great God, our King!

Bless Thou our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
  Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
  By Thy great might.

For her our prayer shall rise
To God, above the skies;
  On Him we wait;
Thou Who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
  God save the state!

ADDRESS. By the RT. REV. OZI W. WHITAKER, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADDRESS—"The Country Gentleman as a Churchman."

By the REV. DAVID M. STEELE, S. T. D.,
Rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

During the singing of Hymn 194 the offering will be made for the Chapel Building Fund.

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine.

At the presentation of the offering there shall be sung:

Holy offerings, rich and rare,
Offerings of praise and prayer,
Purer life and purpose high,
Clasped hands, uplifted eye,
Lowly acts of adoration
To the God of our salvation;
On His altar laid, we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them!

ADDRESS—"American Ideals."

By FRANKLIN S. EDMONDS, Esq., of Philadelphia.

HYMN 197.

O Lord of Hosts! Almighty King!
Behold the sacrifice we bring:
To every arm Thy strength impart;
Thy Spirit shed through every heart.

Wake in our breast the living fires,
The holy faith that warmed our sires;
Thy hand hath made our nation free;
To die for her is serving Thee.

Be Thou a pillared flame to show
The midnight snare, the silent foe;
And when the battle thunders loud,
Still guide us in its moving cloud.

God of all nations! Sovereign Lord!
In Thy dread Name we draw the sword,
We lift the starry flag on high
That fills with light our stormy sky.

From treason's rent, from murder's stain,
Guard Thou its folds till peace shall reign,
Till fort and field, till shore and sea,
Join our loud anthem, praise to Thee!

Prayers.

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, The Governor of Pennsylvania, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, who art the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords; the Almighty Ruler of nations; we adore and magnify thy glorious name for all the great things which thou hast done for us. We render thee thanks for the goodly heritage which thou hast given us; for the civil and religious privileges which we enjoy; and for the multiplied manifestations of thy favor towards us. We thank Thee for this fair land which Thou hast given and preserved to us. Grant that we may show forth our thankfulness for these thy mercies, by living in reverence of thy almighty power and dominion, in humble reliance on thy goodness and mercy, and in holy obedience to thy righteous laws. Preserve, we beseech thee, to our country, the blessings of peace; restore them to nations deprived of them; and secure them to all the people of the earth. May the kingdom of the Prince of Peace come; and, reigning in the hearts and lives of men, unite them in holy fellowship; that so their only strife may be, who shall show forth, with most humble and holy fervor, the praises of Him who hath loved them, and made them kings and priests unto God. We implore thy blessing on all in legislative, judicial, and executive authority, that they may have grace, wisdom, and understanding, so to discharge their duties as most effectually to promote thy glory, the interests of true religion and virtue, and the peace, good order, and welfare of this State and Nation. Continue, O Lord, to prosper our institutions for the promotion of sound learning, the diffusion of virtuous education and the advancement of Christian truth, and of the purity and prosperity of thy Church; change, we beseech thee, every evil heart of unbelief; and shed the quickening influences of thy Holy Spirit on all the people of this land. Save us from the guilt of abusing the blessings of prosperity to luxury and licentiousness, to irreligion and vice; lest we provoke thee, in just judgment, to visit our offences with a rod, and our sins with scourges. And while thy unmerited goodness to us, O God of our salvation, leads us to repentance, may we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, a living sacrifice to thee, who hast preserved and redeemed us, through Jesus Christ our Lord! on whose merits and meditation alone we humbly rely for the forgiveness of our sins, and the acceptance of our services; and who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Retrocessional.

HYMN 311.

Ancient of days, Who sittest, throned in glory;
To Thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;
Thy love has blest the wide world's wondrous story,
With light and life since Eden's dawning day.

O Holy Father, Who hast led Thy children
In all the ages, with the Fire and Cloud,
Through seas dry-shod; through weary wastes bewildering;
To Thee, in reverent love, our hearts are bowed.

O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Saviour,
To Thee we owe the peace that still prevails,
Stilling the rude wills of men's wild behavior,
And calming passions's fierce and stormy gales.

O Holy Ghost, the Lord and the Life-giver,
Thine is the quickening power that gives increase:
From Thee have flowed, as from a pleasant river,
Our plenty, wealth, prosperity, and peace.

O Triune God, with heart and voice adoring,
Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;
Pray we, that Thou wilt hear us, still imploring
Thy love and favor, kept to us always.

The Inscription :

To the Glory of God and in
Honor of the brave
Pennsylvanians
whose lives were given for
the Blessings we enjoy,
and in loving Memory of his
Parents, Wife and Children,
who now rest from their labors,
this Bay is erected
by T. Broom Belfield
June 19, 1906